

SENATE BILL 3890
By Kyle

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated,
Title 50, Chapter 6, relative to the Workers'
Compensation Law.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-208, is amended by adding the following
as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

() The terms “party” or “parties”, as referenced in section 50-6-204(d)(5), shall
include the administrator of the second injury fund.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-238(d), is amended by deleting
the words “self-insured employer” wherever they appear and substituting in their place the word
“employer”.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-201, is amended by adding the following
as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

() Within fifteen (15) days of the date of injury, the insurer, employer, or self-insured pool shall
file with the department, on a form prescribed by the department, a wage statement detailing the
employee’s wages for the previous fifty-two (52) weeks, unless the employer stipulates that the
maximum weekly workers’ compensation rate applies in the particular matter. In the event the
employer fails to timely file such wage statement, a workers’ compensation specialist shall have
the authority to deem the employee’s compensation rate to be the maximum workers’
compensation rate effective on the date of injury.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-234(d), is amended by deleting the phrase “the parties agree to waive the holding of a benefit review conference;” in the first sentence.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.